

REMARKS:

I. September 13, 2006 Examiner Interview

Applicants would like to express gratitude to Examiner Tarae for her assistance and cooperation during the in-person interview held on September 13, 2006, attended by inventor Matthew K. Gracie and the undersigned.

The interview began with a general background of both the invention and the circumstances leading to the invention's genesis. The differences between the functionality of the present invention and the cited reference of U.S. Patent No. 5,574,828 to Hayward were discussed, as were potential claim amendments that could be incorporated into the independent claims in order to avoid Hayward and more clearly explain the invention. The applicants and Examiner agreed on several potential claim amendments, which are incorporated into this instant supplemental amendment.

Again, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Tarae for her assistance.

II. Overview

Claims 1 and 3-53 are pending in the present application. Claim 2 was cancelled by previous amendment; no claim is cancelled by the present amendment. Claims 1, 6, 16, 29, 40 and 50 are amended by this present amendment. Claims 1, 16, 29, 40, and 50 are amended to clarify (i) "the minimum number of questions for the basic question set is accomplished when all the expected answers for the questions in the basic question set are received," (ii) "when an unexpected answer is received, an additional question outside of the basic question set is asked, then the questioning is returned to the basic question set," and (iii) "the ordering of the questions within the basic question set is of importance." (Interview Summary, September 13, 2006). Claim 6 has been amended to clarify "that the anticipated answers are taken into consideration when an unexpected answer is received and a question outside of the basic question/set is asked." *Id.* In addition Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by these amendments, and that support for amendments to claims 1, 16, 29, 40, and 50 can be found at least at paragraphs 30, 34, 40, 50, 52, 57, 59, and 69 of the specification. Support for amendments to claim 6 can be found at least at paragraphs 36-37.

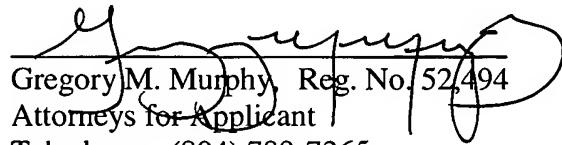
III. Conclusion

For at least the reasons set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 3-53 are in condition for allowance. The Applicants therefore request that the Application be allowed and passed to issue.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the Application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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